

How has the 2018 incident affected the Sabine Pass plant overall, and when do you expect to have fully resolved the issues it raised?

A: LNG production has not been affected by these two tanks being offline, and Sabine Pass continues to be able to meet our storage requirements with three storage tanks.

In consultation with PHMSA, and with repair plans approved by PHMSA, we are moving forward with repairs to bring both tanks back online safely and expeditiously. Conditioned to PHMSA and FERC approval, Tank 1 and Tank 3 are expected to return to service Q4 2019.

Since temperature excursions are believed to have caused the cracking and vapor leaks discovered in January 2018, are there reasons to think the temperature excursions found on other tanks could not also have caused cracking and vapor leaks?

A: Evidence of a temperature excursion does not necessarily indicate that there is tank damage or leaks of vapor. Our facility at Sabine Pass has numerous systems and processes in place to check for such integrity issues. Those systems operated as planned in January 2018, alerting us to the issue and allowing us to take the appropriate response. However, there have been no other indications of a tank integrity issue associated with past temperature excursions.

Have there been any temperature excursion events on any of the tanks since Jan. 22? If yes, which tanks have experienced those events?

A: No.

In regards to #10, Cheniere VP Aaron Stephenson submitted weekly notices to LDEQ from April 2018 to July 2018 indicating that the leak from January 22, 2018 was ongoing. The letters submitted by Cheniere clearly state that “As discussed in prior correspondence, on January 22, 2018 a leak was discovered on LNG Tank S-103; the leak is not authorized by permit and continued from [date] through [date]. In accordance with General Condition R.2, this written report is being submitted because the excess emissions have occurred for a period of seven days or longer.” This conflicts with your response to question 10; please explain these notices.

A: It does not conflict.

Tank 3 ceased leaking LNG on January 22, 2018. Cheniere removed Tank 3 from operation immediately. However, at the time of the incident, Tank 3 still contained LNG. To safely remove that LNG from Tank 3 took time and resulted in what amounted to minor fugitive gas emissions, which vented through the incident-related cracks. These emissions were minor and were properly noticed to the LDEQ on a weekly basis as well as included in our annual report to LDEQ.